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PROJECT CEASEFIRE
ONE KC FELON SENTENCED, ANOTHER PLEADS GUILTY
TO ILLEGAL FIREARM POSSESSION

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that one Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced and another pleaded guilty in federal court today, in separate and unrelated cases, for being felons in possession of firearms. Today's proceedings, Graves said, are part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

* **Terrance M. Curry**, 31, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this afternoon to two years and six months in federal prison without parole.

On June 24, 2005, **Curry** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Curry** admitted that he was in possession of a Ruger 9 mm semi-automatic pistol on Jan. 7, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Curry** has a 1993 criminal felony conviction for robbery.

Curry was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Feb. 10, 2005, in Kansas City.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Cornelius Williams**, 21, also known as Cornbread, of Kansas City, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this afternoon.

By pleading guilty, **Williams** admitted that he was in possession of a Smith and Wesson

.32-caliber revolver on June 24, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Williams** has two 2003 criminal felony convictions for trafficking and possessing a controlled substance and three 2001 criminal felony convictions for trafficking a controlled substance.

Williams was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on July 12, 2005, in Kansas City.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelsen. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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